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	Botswana	Mr. Legwaila
	China	Mr. Qin Huasun
	Czech Republic	Mr. Rovensky
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Germany	Mr. Rudolph
	Honduras	Mr. Rendón Barnica
	Indonesia	Mr. Yuliantoro
	Italy	Mr. Terzi di Sant'Agata
	Nigeria	Mr. Egunsola
	Oman	Mr. Al-Khussaiby
	Rwanda	Mr. Habiyaremye
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir John Weston
	United States of America	Mr. Gnehm

Agenda

An agenda for peace: preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping

Report of the Secretary-General on standby arrangements for peace-keeping (S/1995/943)

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The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*interpretation from Russian*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on standby arrangements for peace-keeping, document S/1995/943.

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council has noted with interest and appreciation the report of the Secretary-General of 10 November 1995 on standby arrangements for peace-keeping operations (S/1995/943). It recalls earlier statements by the President of the Security Council on this subject and strongly supports the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the capacity of the United Nations for the planning, rapid deployment and reinforcement and logistical support of peace-keeping operations.

"The Security Council encourages Member States not yet doing so to participate in the standby arrangements. It invites them, and those States already participating in the arrangements, to provide information in as detailed a manner as possible on those elements which they are ready to make available to the United Nations. It also invites them to identify components, such as logistic support elements and sea/airlift resources, presently under-represented in the arrangement. In this context the Security Council welcomes the initiative undertaken by the Secretariat for the creation of a standby Headquarters component within the Mission Planning Service of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations. The Security Council also joins with the Secretary-General in the establishment of partnerships between those troop contributing countries that need equipment for units that may be provided to the United Nations and those Governments ready to provide such equipment and other support.

"The Security Council looks forward to further reports from the Secretary-General on the progress of the standby arrangements initiative and undertakes to keep the matter under review."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.